

Inyo-Mono IRWMP Round 1 Project Implementation Application

Attachment 12: Disadvantaged Community Assistance

Project #1: Safe Drinking Water and Fire Water Supply Feasibility Study for Tecopa, California

Documentation of the Presence and Needs of DACs within the Inyo-Mono IRWM Planning Region

Needs of Tecopa and Neighboring Tecopa Hot Springs. The disadvantaged communities of Tecopa and neighboring Tecopa Hot Springs, which are located in a desert area in remote Southeastern Inyo County, have no sources of potable drinking water. Although many households have domestic wells, water from the wells does not meet the State's safe drinking water standards for dissolved solids such as fluoride and arsenic. Currently, residents either drive 45 miles to purchase purified water, or they drink the well water—which subjects them to long term negative health affects. Moreover, during frequent power outages that plague these communities (especially during periods of high winds and intense summer heat) the existing wells cannot be operated. In addition to lack of a potable water supply, these communities lack facilities to quickly refill fire fighting apparatus used by the local volunteer emergency services district. Recent fires in the area have demonstrated the severity of this problem.

At two public meetings conducted in these communities in the fall of 2010, remedies for these two critical water supply and water quality problems were identified as the top priorities that should be addressed.

Documentation of the Presence of DACs. As described in the adopted “Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan—Phase I,” (December 2010), AB 1747 (2003) defines a disadvantaged community is defined as a community with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the statewide annual MHI. The statewide annual MHI in California in 1999 was \$47,493. Communities with annual MHIs that are below \$37,994 (2000 Census) are considered disadvantaged communities. To begin identifying disadvantaged areas in the I-M IRWM planning region, the MHI was compared at the census tract level using 2000 Census data. Seventeen census tracts within the region, for which census data were available, qualify as disadvantaged communities within the planning area. Census data were not available for all communities as some are too small to provide information without identifying individual people. The identified disadvantaged communities (including Tecopa) are displayed in the attached Figure 2-1 from the adopted regional plan.

In 1999, the MHI for the whole of Inyo County was \$35,006, which is below the statewide MHI. Eleven communities in Inyo County qualify as disadvantaged. As shown on the attached Table 2-2 from the adopted regional plan, the community of Tecopa has MHI levels that are below the federal poverty level (\$16,600). All of the American Indian Reservations in the planning area, excluding Fort Independence, qualify as disadvantaged communities. The population of the disadvantaged communities in Inyo

County in 1999 was 9,496, representing 53% of the total county population. Population growth in Inyo County was slow relative to other counties in California (2.1% from 2000 to 2003), and ranked 41st of 58 California counties for population growth.

Description of the Proposed Project and the Targeted Benefits to the Disadvantaged Communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs

The grant funding will be used to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether safe drinking water fire flow water storage facilities can be provided in the two communities. Instead of focusing on the delivery of potable water to every household, the study will analyze the feasibility of constructing a public drinking water station in each community which would provide treated, potable water where residents could fill drinking water containers. The study will also identify a location in each community where an above ground water storage tank for fire flow could be located and will identify the type of storage tank that should be used.

The economic and other circumstances faced by these communities have prevented them from being able to develop and submit an eligible construction project that would address the communities' critical water supply and water quality problems. Consequently, a feasibility study is proposed that may lead to a construction project to address these critical needs. The proposed study will address the needs of the communities, the feasibility of providing potable water supply stations and/or fire water storage tanks and will provide conceptual designs and drawings for feasible facilities. If the study finds that it feasible to provide potable water supply stations and/or fire water storage tanks, funding for a follow-up project to construct the facilities will be sought.

The total cost of the proposed feasibility study is \$67,435. The funds will be expended between July 2011 and November 2012. The project proponent, a non-profit organization, the Amargosa Conservancy, will expend staff resources in the amount of \$1,000 in developing an RFP, selecting a qualified, professional consultant, preparing a consulting services contract, and in administering the proposed feasibility study. \$66,435 is the amount of grant requested. Of this amount, \$2,000 will be used for direct project administration costs, \$1,263 will be used for contractual services to ensure project compliance, coordination and integration with other projects and the overall Inyo-Mono IRWM Plan implementation, and the remainder (\$63,172) will be used to fund the consultant's work on the feasibility study.

The community of Tecopa had 99 residents at the time of the 2000 census. During the year, the area has a large visitor population of thousands of "snowbirds" who are attracted during the colder months of the year by resorts centered on hot springs in the area. A map showing Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs is attached. Although the feasibility study will not directly provide water supply or water quality benefits, it may open the door to a construction project that would address the critical water supply, water quality and safety problems facing the residents and visitors to these communities. When the study is completed, the project proponent, the Amargosa Conservancy, and/or the local fire district will apply for a follow-up grant for the construction of the facilities.

The project area is an economically depressed, low-income area, disadvantaged community with a high number of senior citizens on fixed incomes. The community's goal is to develop ecotourism—especially now a portion of the Amargosa River which flows through the project area has been designated as America's first desert Wild and

Scenic River. Accessible safe drinking water and adequate fire flow storage will improve the health and safety of the residents and visitors to the affected communities and will assist in attracting potential residents and businesses in this underserved and remote region of Inyo County. The primary beneficiaries of the project will be residents of the disadvantaged communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs and the thousands of visitors to these communities.

Documentation of DAC Representation and Participation

As noted in the adopted regional plan, “[F]rom the beginning of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP process in early 2008, the RWMG made outreach to disadvantaged communities (DACs) a high priority. It was quickly recognized that due to the rural and remote nature of the region, there would likely be a large number of DACs. Indeed, it was discovered that all of Inyo County (the second largest county in California) is a DAC. As described below, the DACs in the I-M IRWMP planning region include unincorporated communities in Inyo, Mono, and Kern Counties, as well as federally-recognized and non-federally-recognized American Indian Tribes.

Throughout the pre-planning and planning phases, effort has been made to reach out to DACs, inform them of IRWMP activities and objectives, and more importantly, listen to their water-related needs and concerns. IRWMP staff has targeted outreach to DACs both with individual meetings/presentations and through the larger outreach campaign implemented in 2010. Of those identified as DACs in Table 2-2 below, all have received some level of outreach and information from the IRWMP, and many have signed the MOU or remain on the RWMG contact list. The Inyo-Mono RWMG is actively pursuing funding from DWR specifically for DAC outreach. Through this funding, additional individual and public meetings will be held throughout the region with the intention of fully integrating as many DACs in the area as possible into the planning process. The I-M RWMG has fully recognized that the success of the IRWMP effort in the region cannot be fully realized without the participation of DACs. Indeed, inclusion of DACs into the process helps to provide a stronger voice in support of the needs of rural communities.”

The Inyo-Mono RWMG staff (the Project Director and Project Manager) have conducted two visits to the Tecopa area. In addition, the project proponent, the Amargosa Conservancy, has been involved with the Inyo-Mono RWMG from the beginning of the regional effort and has served on the regional group’s coordinating committee and planning committees.

The Amargosa Conservancy is a small, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the land, water and beauty of the geographically large, sparsely populated Amargosa area. The Conservancy’s funding is derived from membership contributions, donations and grants. The Conservancy’s offices are located in Shoshone, California—a few miles from the communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs. The disadvantaged communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs (as well as the Death Valley Shoshone community in nearby Furnace Creek in Death Valley) are represented on the Conservancy’s volunteer Board of Directors or as members of the Conservancy’s staff. The Amargosa area, which is the focus of the Conservancy’s efforts, is shown on the attached map.

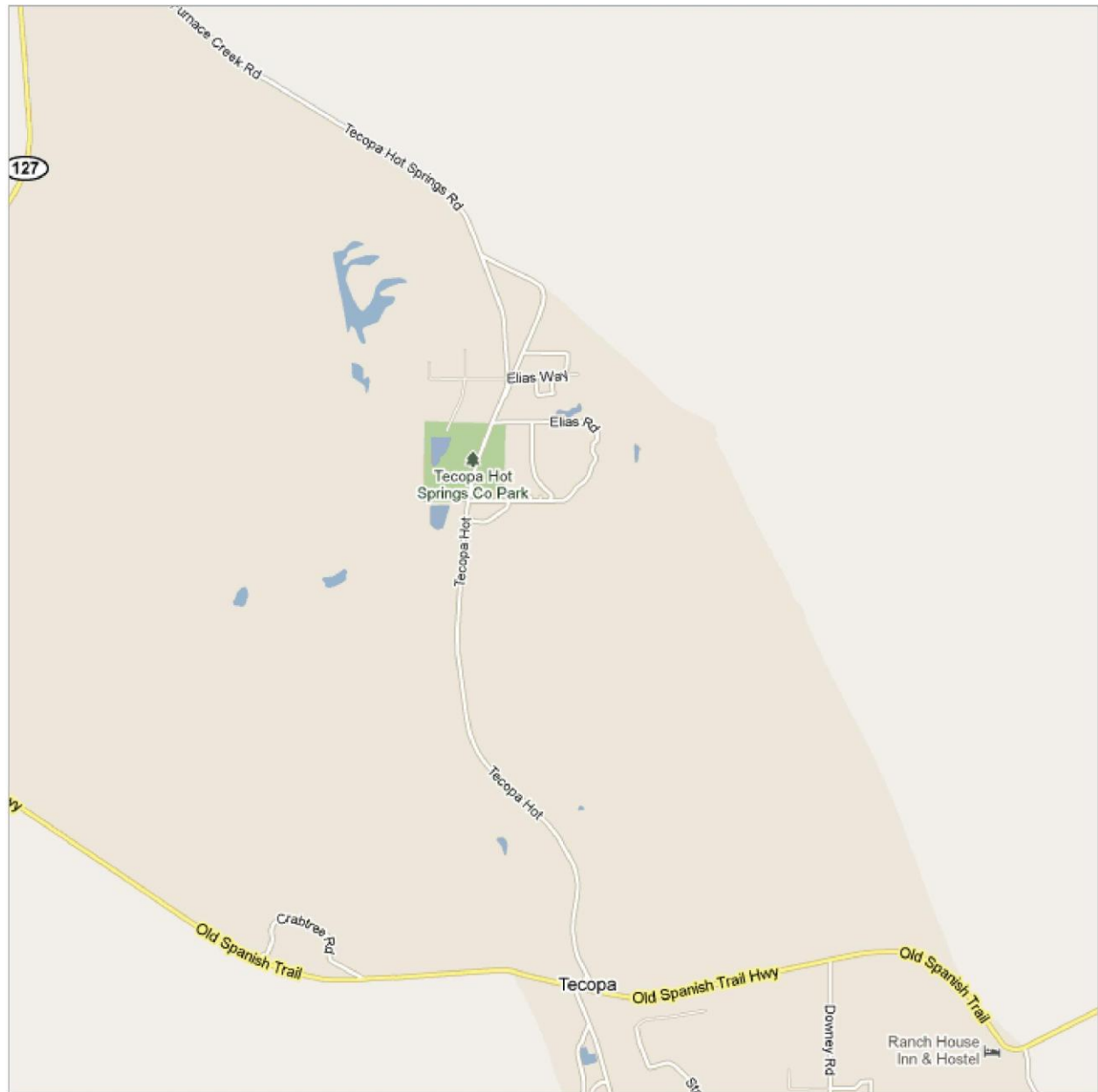
Letters in support of the proposed project from Paul Postle, Fire Chief, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District, and Amy Noel, President, Death Valley Chamber of Commerce are attached.

Request for Disadvantaged Community Assistance

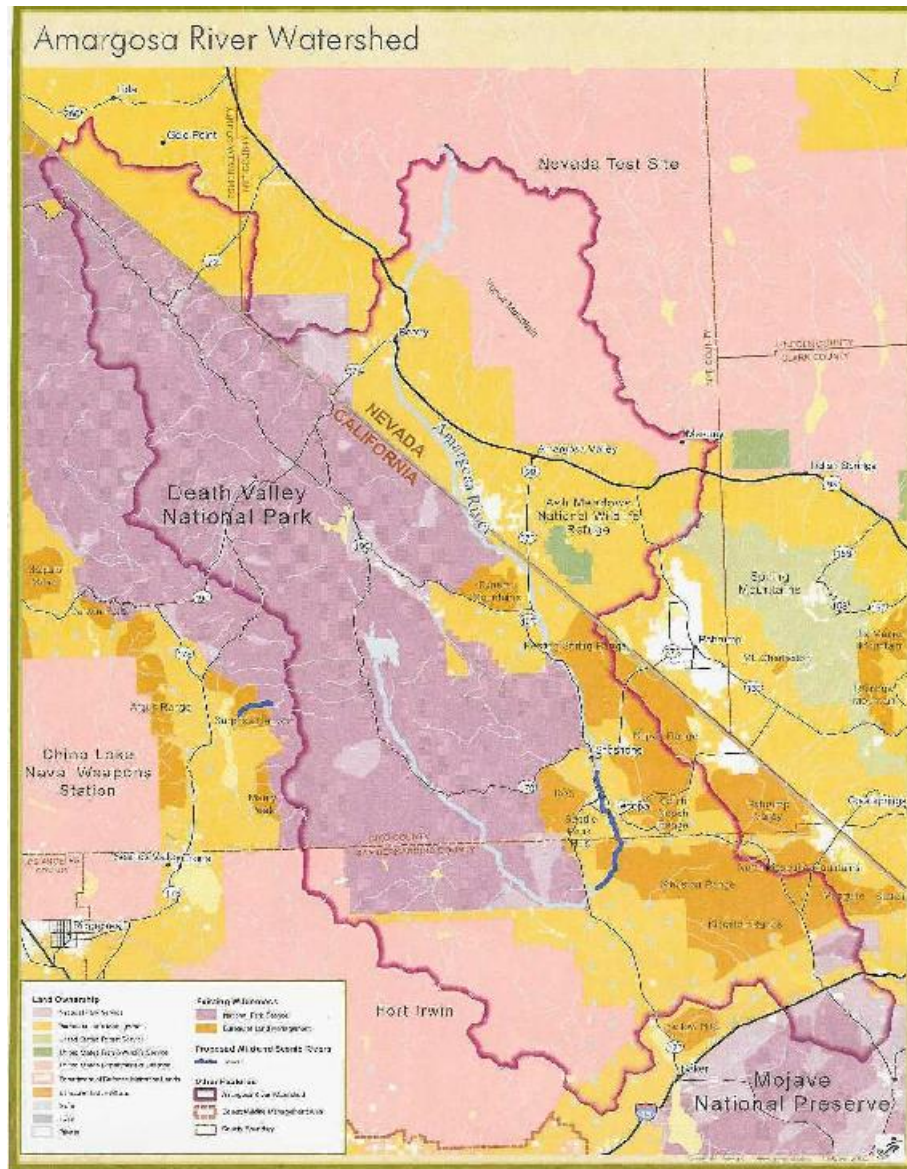
This project addresses critical water supply and water quality needs in the disadvantaged communities of Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs. The Amargosa Conservancy and the Inyo-Mono RWMG requests that the proposed implementation study, which will address these needs and which may lead to a construction project that addresses these critical needs, be found to be eligible for the available Implementation grant funding.

It is also requested that since the project addresses critical needs, benefits these disadvantaged communities, and since the project proponent is a non-profit organization with very limited funds, that a funding match waiver of the 25% funding match requirement be waived for this project.

Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs, Inyo County, California



Map Showing the Amargosa Conservancy's Area of Interest





Southern Inyo Fire Protection District

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January 2, 2011

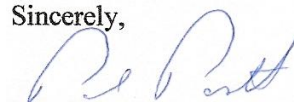
To whom it may concern,

The Southern Inyo Fire Protection District is honored to be working with the Amargosa Conservancy to develop strategies for bringing safe drinking water and readily available fire protection water storage to the economically disadvantaged community of Tecopa. The fire district strongly supports the proposed feasibility study that will explore the needs of the community and the means to provide both safe drinking water and water storage for fire protection.

The fire district believes this project will provide several opportunities to Tecopa that otherwise would not be available due to the economic struggle the town faces. The most obvious benefit to the town is the availability of safe drinking water, which is obtained by buying dispensed water 30 miles away. The second benefit is the availability of water storage for fire protection purposes. The fire water storage will bring about additional benefits such as a lower Insurance Services Office (ISO) grade, which in turn will make lower fire insurance available to the residents. Tecopa is currently graded as a 10 by ISO because the town does not provide fire water supply.

The partnership between the fire district and the Amargosa Conservancy is an ideal collaboration of efforts to bring desperately needed services to the community. The fire district firmly believes this IRWMP grant proposal is necessary to assure the residents have reasonable access to safe drinking water and water storage for fire protection. Therefore, the fire district will maintain its support in this project.

Sincerely,



Paul Postle, Fire Chief



Death Valley Chamber of Commerce

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January 2, 2011

Attention: Donna Lamm, Greg James
Amargosa Conservancy
P.O. Box 63
Shoshone, CA 92384

Dear Amargosa Conservancy,

The Death Valley Chamber of Commerce represents community members, neighbors and businesses in Southeast Inyo County including Death Valley National Park and beyond. We enthusiastically support the Amargosa Conservancy's grant application to conduct a feasibility study to provide potable drinking water stations in Tecopa and Tecopa Hot Springs.

There are approximately one hundred full time residents in the Tecopa area. Fall through spring populations can soar to four hundred or more and in the past much more than that. Full time population dropped dramatically with the closing of the local mining industries in the late 1980s and subsequently with the closing of prospecting interests with the making of the monument into a national park. Death Valley National Park though is of course a blessing, protecting and preserving amazing lands and giving national recognition to the Timbisha Shoshone.

The Tecopa and close by Shoshone area provide services and amazing wilderness experiences for the more than one million visitors passing through to Death Valley National Park each year between the Las Vegas area and the Eastern Sierra. And the Tecopa hot springs are a destination all by itself and one of the main reasons for the winter population growth as it has been for many hundreds of years.

Tecopa's full time population supports a working date ranch farm, a small community consisting of mostly elders and a few families, hot springs soaking facilities, camping, lodging, art and community events, and most importantly supports emergency services consisting of a volunteer Fire and EMS department for an area of 1200 square miles with up to 100 or more call outs per year that would not otherwise be able to meet in the golden hour of response time required in the most extreme accidents and it's worth noting that these call outs are mostly for our visiting and passing through community.

Pay scales are modest, close to minimum wages and seasonal. Most residents travel 35 miles or more to buy drinking water in nearby Pahrump, Nevada. Potable drinking water stations would dramatically improve the quality of life, reduce costs to both residents, visitors, emergency

services and the county government, and take us one more step to becoming self-sustaining in this remote rural and nationally treasured community.

Community members here wear many hats, the voice of the community that we hear expresses appreciation for the efforts of the Amargosa Conservancy bringing the IRWMP process to us, we wear so many hats just to survive that's it's hard to give extra time to explore all the granting opportunities available to us. The community that the Death Valley Chamber of Commerce represents is in total support and delighted with the process that the Amargosa Conservancy has brought to us and we are looking forward to working with them on this feasibility study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Noel', with a stylized, cursive script.

Amy Noel
President, Death Valley Chamber of Commerce

Project #6: Lone Pine, Independence, and Laws Pump Operation Redundancy and SCADA Improvements

Project Proponent: Inyo County Department of Public Works

Documentation of the presence and needs of DACs

The disadvantaged communities of Laws, Independence and Lone Pine are within the Inyo Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan boundaries. The determination of DAC status was confirmed using American Fact Finder accessing 2000 Census data. Independence and Lone Pine status was verified searching Table P53 Median Household Income in 1999 (dollars) data set Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3) for Census Designated Places, while the community of Laws DAC status was verified as above but for Block Group 1, Census Tract 1, Inyo County California

MHI California \$47,497 80% of MHI: \$37,997.6

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MHI Independence \$37,500

MHI Lone Pine \$29,079

The critical water supply need this project will address in these three towns is the provision of pump start redundancy. This need has been felt acutely over the last 10 years of water systems operation manifesting as pump start malfunctions resulting in water outages or low water events at the storage tanks caught before they progressed to full water outages.

Description of proposed Project and targeted benefits to DACS

This project will, among other things, install redundant pressure switches, transducers and autodialers to detect low water, start a pump and notify the systems operator in the event of an emergency. The redundancy is necessary as the existing SCADA system or it's auto-dialer malfunctions and does not start a pump when necessary. The anticipated benefits to these three towns is improved pump start operation and operator notification of emergencies; while the impacts will be fewer instances of low water events at the tanks or fewer water outages. The certainty that the project will address these issues is expected to be high as the installed components are standard components installed for their intended purpose. As before, this project will benefit the communities of Laws, Independence and Lone Pine. The ongoing funding source to cover O&M of this project is rate payer water system revenues.

Letters of support for this project from the three communities involved are attached below

Independence Community Services District
P. O. Box 374
Independence, CA 93526
December 16, 2010

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Attention: Trevor Joseph

Subject: Support of Inyo County Public Works Grant Application for Inyo-Mono IRWMP:
Pump Operation Redundancy and SCADA Improvements Project

The Independence Community Services District (ICSD) supports Inyo County Public Works grant application for the "Pump Operation and SCADA Improvements Project for the Independence Community water system.

The small isolated community of Independence is a Disadvantage Community. The funding provided by the rate payers is insufficient to provide reserves to undertake this needed project. This project will provide back-up in the event of system failure. Additionally, the ability to program off-peak pumping capability will maintain the drinking water supply and provide for consistent fire suppression flows.

Community members and the ICSD are aware of the many needs to the water system and urge this project be funded for improve service. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

S/
Arlene Grider, President
ICSD Board of Directors

G. Batchelder Enterprises, Inc.
365 Wildrose Ln. Bishop, CA 93514

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
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December 14, 2010

Attention: Trevor Joseph

Re: Laws, Independence and Lone Pine Pump Operation and SCADA Improvements Project

Dear Sirs,

We the undersigned people who live or work in the disadvantaged community of Laws, California support Inyo County's efforts to secure grant funding to install new water meters in Laws. The benefits of this project to Laws is a redundant means of sensing the need for water and sending the signal to start the pump, redundant autodialler to send an alarm of low water to the system operator if the SCADA's autodialler is damaged and a reconfigured SCADA program to shift pump on/off operations to occur during the electric off-peak time of day to decrease the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from electrical generation activities due to the availability of cleaner hydro power during the peak time of day.

Please grant to Inyo County the funds they are requesting. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

George Batchelder
Owner
G. Batchelder Enterprises, Inc.



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OWENYO SERVICES WATER SYSTEMS SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF LAWS
CALIFORNIA, SUPPORT THE GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE LAWS PUMP
OPERATION REDUNDANCY AND SCADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. THIS
PROJECT WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE PROVISION OF THE WATER
QUALITY AND WATER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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Trevor Joseph
California Dept. of Water Resources
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P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Community of Lone Pine California represented by the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, support the grant proposal for the Lone Pine Pump Operation Redundancy and SCADA Improvements Project.

This project would greatly improve the provision of water and water service to our community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen New

Project #10: Lone Pine and Laws Tank Project

Project Proponent: Inyo County Department of Public Works

Documentation of the presence and needs of DACs

The disadvantaged communities of Laws and Lone Pine are within the Inyo Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan boundaries. The determination of DAC status was confirmed using American Fact Finder accessing 2000 Census data. Independence and Lone Pine status was verified searching Table P53 Median Household Income in 1999 (dollars) data set Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3) for Census Designated Places, while the community of Laws DAC status was verified as above but for Block Group 1, Census Tract 1, Inyo County California

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The critical water supply need this project will address in these two towns is the provision of water pressure and water storage supply. This need has been felt acutely over the last 10 years of water systems operation manifesting as problematic system pressure and hydropneumatic tank operation.

Description of proposed Project and targeted benefits to DACS

This project will, among other things, install redundant pressure switches, transducers and autodialers to detect low water, start a pump and notify the systems operator in the event of an emergency. The redundancy is necessary as the existing SCADA system or it's auto-dialer malfunctions and does not start a pump when necessary. The anticipated benefits to these three towns is improved pump start operation and operator notification of emergencies; while the impacts will be fewer instances of low water events at the tanks or fewer water outages. The certainty that the project will address these issues is expected to be high as the installed components are standard components installed for their intended purpose. As before, this project will benefit the communities of Laws, Independence and Lone Pine. The ongoing funding source to cover O&M of this project is rate payer water system revenues.

Letters of support for this project from the two communities involved are attached.

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December 14, 2010

Attention: Trevor Joseph

Re: Laws, and Lone Pine Water Tank Project

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned people who live or work in the disadvantaged community of Laws, California support Inyo County's efforts to secure grant funding to install a 10,000 gallon hydropneumatic water tank in Laws. It will make the water system more reliable and protect our water supply.

Please grant to Inyo County the funds they are requesting. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

George Batchelder
Owner
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Trevor Joseph
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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Community of Lone Pine California represented by the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, support the grant proposal for the Lone Pine Tank Project.

This project would greatly improve the provision of water and water service to our community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen New

Project #12: Lone Pine, Independence, and Laws Water Meter Project

Project Proponent: Inyo County Department of Public Works

Documentation of the presence and needs of DACs

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The critical water supply need this project will address in these two towns is the provision of accurate metering and the conservation which follows that will provide additional water resources to the towns. This need has been felt acutely over the last 10 years of water systems operation manifesting as water use in excess of the allotment, inaccurate reads resulting in lost revenues and .

Description of proposed Project and targeted benefits to DACs

This project will install new electronic automatic read water meters in the three communities of Laws, Independence and Lone Pine and it will remove, rebuild and reinstall the town demand meters. Further, it will provide software for billing and other water uses as detected by the meters. The anticipated benefits to these three towns is water conservation, improved revenue generation, reduced O&M costs as well as the benefits accrued due to conservation, i.e. energy efficiency, less ghg emissions, more water available for other uses, etc. The certainty that the project will address these issues is expected to be high as the installed meters are standard components installed for their intended purpose and the above benefits have been well documented in industry literature. As before, this project will benefit the communities of Laws, Independence and Lone Pine. The ongoing funding source to cover O&M of this project is rate payer water system revenues.

Letters of support for this project from the three communities involved are attached.

Independence Community Services District

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Attention: Trevor Joseph

Subject: Support of Inyo County Grant Application for Inyo-Mono IRWMP:
Independence Water Meter Project

The Independence Community Services District (ICSD) supports Inyo County Public Works grant application for the “Water Meter Project and Renovation of Demand Meters” for the Independence Community water system.

The small isolated community of Independence is a Disadvantage Community. In 1978 the installation of residential water service meters began by the former water system owner. Most meters are now beyond their life expectancy. Rate payers have generally not accepted a rate increase, partially because of the old meters and their propensity to be inaccurate. New electronic read meters will provide as an aid to a financially secure water system.

Community members and the ICSD are aware of the many needs of the water system and urge this project be funded. Thank you for your consideration.

S/

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Attention: Trevor Joseph

Re: Laws, Independence and Lone Pine Water Meter Project

Dear Sirs,

We the undersigned people who live or work in the disadvantaged community of Laws, California support Inyo County's efforts to secure grant funding to install new water meters in Laws. The benefit of this project to Laws is new electronic automatic reading meters. The new water meters will replace old deteriorated inaccurate meters measuring flow to each customer, detect leaks on customer premises and will shorten the time required to read the meters from about 6-10 days total to 1 day for all three towns. This project may result in water conservation. Any water conserved by this project will equate to less electricity used with less greenhouse gasses generated. The shortened meter reading time will mean less driving time which equates to less greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle exhaust. The shorter reading time will also mean less cost for meter reading. The meter project will also discover if meter leaks are present and remedy them reducing the possibility of backflow or backsiphonage into the customer service line thereby protecting the customer's health. This project will also provide a new billing system software to integrate with the new data from the meters and be able to provide customer use statistics which can benefit the customers.

Please grant to Inyo County the funds they are requesting. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Joseph:

The Community of Lone Pine California represented by the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, support the grant proposal for the Lone Pine Water Meter Project. This project would greatly improve the provision of water and water service to our community.

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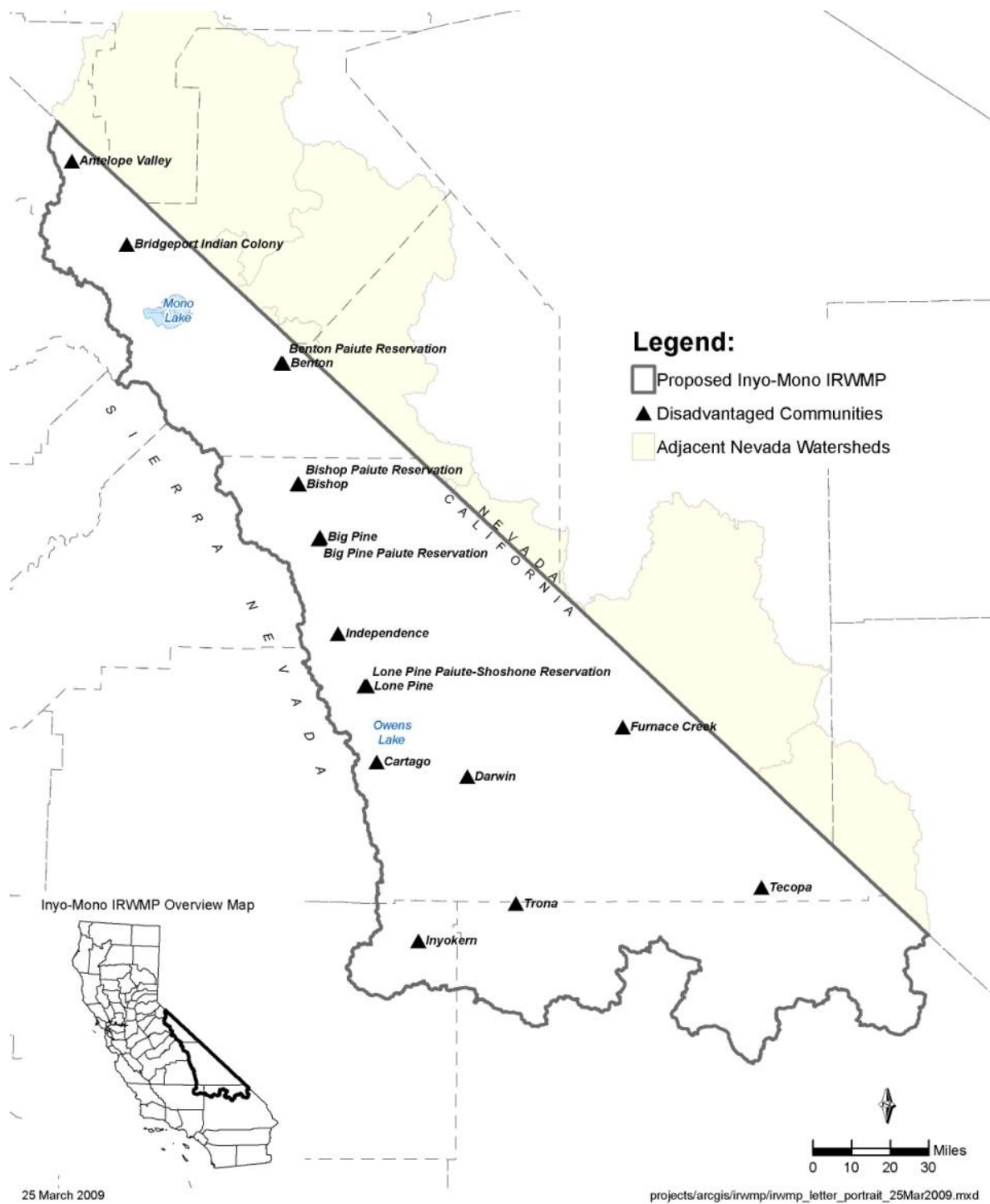


Figure 2-1. Disadvantaged communities in the Inyo-Mono planning region, as determined from 2000 U.S. Census data.

Table 2-2. Identified disadvantaged communities in the Inyo-Mono IRWM planning region based on 2000 U.S. Census Bureau data.

Community	Population¹	Median household income
Inyo County	17,945	\$35,006
<i>Big Pine</i>	1,350	\$37,115
<i>Big Pine Paiute Reservation</i>	428	\$25,938
<i>Bishop</i>	3,575	\$27,338
<i>Bishop Paiute Reservation</i>	1,445	\$26,591
<i>Cartago</i>	109	\$34,375
<i>Darwin</i>	54	\$13,333
<i>Furnace Creek</i>	31	\$25,625
<i>Independence (county seat)</i>	574	\$37,500
<i>Lone Pine</i>	1,655	\$29,079
<i>Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation</i>	176	\$18,500
Tecopa	99	\$12,344
Mono County	12,853	\$44, 992
<i>Antelope Valley²</i>	1,498	\$34,584
<i>Benton</i>	331	\$26,250
<i>Benton Paiute Reservation</i>	53	\$11,875
<i>Bridgeport Indian Colony</i>	47	\$13,750
San Bernardino County	1,709,434	\$42,066
Kern County	661,645	\$35,446
<i>Inyokern</i>	984	\$35,046

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1. Data from the US Census Bureau was accessed using the American Factfinder feature on the Census website. Census data is reported by a variety of geographic units, including census tracts, block groups, blocks, and zip codes.

² Antelope Valley is located at the northern end of Mono County and includes the communities of Walker, Coleville, and Topaz, the Marine housing complex at Coleville, and Camp Antelope at Walker.